

Board of Public Welfare, requesting an appointment for an examination. In a few exceptional cases of extremely low mental deficiency, the mental examination may be waived. Adequate specific factual information will need to be substituted to show conclusively the basis upon which the person is obviously known to be feeble-minded. An example is an adult who has been mentally incapable of learning to dress himself, or a person who, because of his mental condition, has never been permitted to enroll in a public school. A full social history should accompany any petition filed on this basis. The physician's report should also contain specific information showing the findings on which the physician bases his diagnosis of feeble-mindedness.

III. Social History.

The social information presented by the petitioner should contain all of the circumstances surrounding the person's life insofar as they have a bearing upon the following:

- A. The likelihood of the person to procreate a child or children who would have a tendency to serious physical, mental, or nervous disease or deficiency, and
- B. The reasons why it is considered to be for the public good that the individual have the operation.

The personal and family history section of Form 1 or Form 2 should contain only brief, concise answers since, if a hearing is held, a copy of this form must be given by the sheriff to the persons upon whom notice is served. Form No. 7 - Supplement to Petition for Sterilization - should be used for information of a personal or confidential nature which might prove embarrassing to the individual or relatives if contained in papers served by the sheriff. Full case information should be submitted with the petition, supplementing the above information with a letter, if necessary, so that the Eugenics Board can have a basis for action.

CONSENTS FOR STERILIZATION OPERATION

I. Advantages in Securing Consents.

If the consents mentioned below accompany the petition, the Eugenics Board can take action at its first meeting following the receipt of the petition. The operation can also be performed as soon as authorized. If the person to be sterilized and his next of kin are sufficiently familiar with the reasons for requesting the operation to give consent, their cooperation in carrying out the operation, if authorized, is more likely to be secured.

II. Consent of the Individual to be Sterilized.

The consent of the individual on whom the operation is to be performed should be secured on Form No. 6B - Consent for